

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for signifying the allowable subject matter of claims 16-22 and 29. In accordance with the Examiner's comments, the amendments herein place the application in condition for allowance with respect to the subject matter that has been allowed. Claim 29 has been amended to expressly include the language of claim 23. Claims 24 and 26-28 have been amended to depend from claim 29. Claims 1-15 and 23 have been cancelled.

Applicant notes that there has been no change to the scope of coverage of Claim 29 and, therefore, the Claim should not be interpreted as being narrowed or its coverage changed for the purpose of obtaining allowance.

As to the Examiner's assertions of non-patentability for other aspects of the claims, the amendments adopted herein are made without prejudice. Applicant may seek further protection for the subject matter disclosed in the application by way of continuation practice.


As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have now been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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